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In re Application of:)
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Yoshihisa WARASHINA et al.) Confirmation No.: 2689
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Application No.: 10/589,604) Group Art Unit: 2874
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For: Optical Wiring Board and Method for)
Manufacturing Optical Wiring Board)

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated March 3, 2008, the period for response to which runs through April 3, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 between Group I (claims 1-8) allegedly drawn to “an optical wiring substrate comprising waveguides, photonic devices, penetration electrodes, and reflecting surfaces” or Group II (claims 9-11), allegedly drawn to “a method of manufacturing an optical wiring substrate having particular method steps” or Group III (claim 12), allegedly drawn to “a specific optical wiring board having a side surface provided with reflecting films that couple the optical waveguides with the photonic devices”.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-8) for examination.

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

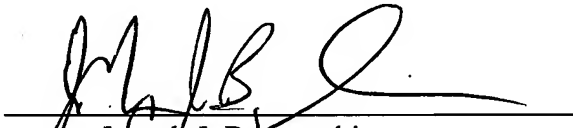
Applicants respectfully assert that no additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this response. However, if there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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